



**DCDT Enterprise Company
Directors Meeting – 31st October 2022 (Village Hall)**

Directors Present: Richard Boddington (RB), Ewan MacKay (EM), Paul Saunders (PS), David Mackie (DM), Katy Gibb (KG), Rae Gibb (RG), Struan Robb (SR),

Non-Directors Present: Simon Reid (SPR), Hilary Soanes (HS)

Item	Discussion	Actioner
1.	<p>DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Minutes of last meeting (26/09/2022) for review <p>WELCOME Particular welcome to Hilary Soanes who attended to discover more about DCDT with the possibility of becoming more involved.</p> <p>APOLOGIES Robert Coleman unable to attend and sent apologies.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Minutes from last meeting (26/9/2022) proposed by EM & seconded by RG.</p> <p>UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES</p> <p>a) Toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stirling Road car park is currently the site that looks most promising, although other sites should not be ruled out. Stirling Council (SC) has agreed in principle to locating toilets in the car park site. MacMic may be in a position to install the foundations and drainage. • We are well positioned for RTIF funding grant, based on discussions with NPA. • PS approached The Winnock and they have taken down the signs highlighting that their toilets are for customers only. • DM suggested installation of temporary toilets (e.g., honeywagon) in front of garage site if no other solution in place by next summer season. Could be plumbed into garage water and sewerage? However, need to consider whether this would remove pressure to install permanent toilets. <p><i>Action: Contact MacMic to confirm their willingness to install toilet foundations, and also confirm timings of construction.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Get a toilet building design and quote to pass to SC. DM to talk to John White about the building design. Also consider “off the shelf” toilet units from specialist providers.</i></p>	<p>PS?</p> <p>DM/EM</p>

<p>b) Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom meeting with SC and their architects on 29/9 to discuss the requirements for a library/community/toilet building. • Unclear whether SC has had discussions with new Winnock owners on timings to return current location. • General feeling that this project is longer term than the requirement for public toilets. <p>c) Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event to outline the proposed road safety trial (RST) is scheduled for 7pm on the 8 November in the Village Hall. DCDT to present the background to the project and TP&E to present the details of the proposed road modifications. • RG has 8 whisky casks (16 planters?) ready to use in the road narrowing. <p><i>Action: RB to provide soft copy of poster so he can print larger posters for the bakery.</i></p> <p><i>Action: PS to put further posts on Facebook and send out an email to all members outlining the RST and invite to meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Action: PS to ask TP&E for their presentations so we can check it beforehand.</i></p> <p>d) Active Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EM/RB have applied for a grant from Rural CLLD fund to do a feasibility study of a link path to Balfron (and possibly Croftamie). The Balfron link could be part of the larger strategic Kings Highway path from Stirling to Dumbarton. • Also, initial discussions with the Ian Findlay Path Fund about a similar feasibility. They would be interested in supporting a feasibility, but unlikely to have enough funding to support the construction. Suggested Sustrans for this size of project, although Sustrans path spec is currently prohibitively expensive (Sustrans may be flexible on this?). • Application successful for 2 ebikes with lockers. All agreed that we should accept the funding. <p><i>Action: EM and RB to accept the funding for ebikes. RB and EM to progress purchase of equipment and develop the terms of use for the bikes.</i></p> <p><i>Action: RB to talk to Jim Riach about insurance, types of bike, maintenance etc.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB suggested that a village paths group be reinstated if volunteers can be found. EM has tools from the previous paths group in his shed. <p>e) Village Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The square inspection was undertaken by RB and DM on 24 October. In general, the square is in good condition, the exception being the ongoing deterioration of road surface, particularly to north of square. <p><i>Action: EM to order more pothole repair materials.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Team to affect repairs when we have a dry spell.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EM has secured a grant of £500 to cover our electricity bills on the square. <p><i>Action: RB to transfer to a cheaper supplier – probably Octopus.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG continues to explore insurance of the square, but insurers are reluctant to insure the solar panels, ebike charger and tool station. DM suggested Towergate. 	<p>RB</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>EM/RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>EM</p> <p>All</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RG/DM</p>
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5&6	<p>f) Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Tree <i>Action: EM to test lights</i> <i>Action: RB to contact school to arrange for pupil to push the button</i> <i>Action: SR to find a singing lead??</i> <i>Action: Help erect the tree on 3 December</i> <i>Action: Carols and "switch-on" on 4 December</i> Advent Windows All agreed that there was enough interest to proceed with the advent windows. <i>Action: RB to announce on Facebook</i> <i>Action: DM to arrange the list of windows</i> <i>Action: RB to talk to contact the church about doing a window.</i> <p>g) Jazz evening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still trying to meet Fiona to discuss. <p>h) Place Plan</p> <p>Working Group has been established and had two meetings. Current focus areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicising and setting up for the Place Plan Consultation on 8 November. Ensuring that we have a suitable survey in place for that day. <p><i>Action: PS to contact local businesses to encourage them to attend.</i> <i>Action: PS to get clip boards</i> <i>Action: RB to give out flyers at the school</i></p> <p>TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP (EM)</p> <p>As of 1st Oct 2022, we have £43,347.82 in the Bank. Of which £39,990.40 is restricted and £1,818.07 is unrestricted and the balance is unrepresented payments made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All Payments and income have been accounted for and any unrepresented items are highlighted in yellow. We currently have circa £1500 of unrepresented payments, this is Historical Payment plus £900 due for the Bus Shelter Mural and the repayment of funds to the covid support group. <p>Notable changes in the period to our financial position are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Our Membership is at 146 with 2 new memberships. We have 45 outstanding who have not renewed their membership. As per the minutes last month we have moved £2,858.70 from unrestricted to restricted funds to cover the overspend in the bus shelter refurbishment project. We have received the first payment from the RST for the road safety trial of £3,000. £134 pounds has been received in membership, donations and bank interest. <p><u>Breakdown of Restricted funds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paths fund - £29,226.13 – This is for the completion of the path to Balmaha, which will be undertaken by the National Park The Square - £0 – We have no funds allocated The Play Park - £3,076.90 – no outstanding invoices or spend due Paths Leaflet - £840.87– This is to cover the cost of reprinting this leaflet. (This has increased due to sales of the Heritage Trail Leaflet) 	EM RB SR All All RB DM RB PS PS RB
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7.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB raised the possibility of taking over the community garden. Mixed views. • PS thanked KG for all her work producing the War Memorial Centenary booklet. • DM has organised a quote for work to repair the war memorial. <p><i>Action: DM to organise for a letter from the tradesman explaining the damage to the memorial, the cause and the required repair work. This should allow EM to access funding for the repair from the War Memorial fund.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG has been investigating insurance for the solar roof and electric bike chargers at the bus shelter. So far, no insurers have been willing to cover, stating that the risk is too high. Ongoing. 	DM
8.	<p>DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Monday 28 November. Location tbc.</p>	